

Pappas cow down, or Senator Loran Schmit cow down, but after what I read in this morning's paper, they have been whipped also. I don't know where we can find anybody who will stand. I know I am not going to be whipped. There is nothing anybody in this Legislature can offer me, there is nothing anybody in this state can threaten me with that is going to make me back away from what I think is right, and in this instance, they had better get another vote for some of these other matters if they were counting on mine. I am in favor of Senator Hall's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I think I am awfully tired of talking about Mike Harper, and Mike Harper's personality, and whether Mike Harper is an evil person or a good person. I think it is time that we start debating the issues of this bill, and so far in this debate today, and in other days, we have not debated the issues of the bill, and I would remind the body that what 775 does vis-a-vis, corporate jets, is simply to give them a tax credit or give them a tax advantage if, and only if, they make a \$10 million investment in plant equipment, something other than the jet airplane, and they employ 100 people. That is employing 100 people, a hundred individuals who do not now have jobs. The reason that the airplane or the jet airplane is the mechanism, the mechanism to get from point A to point B is because the jet airplane is important to corporate America. If we, in Nebraska, if we don't start having a global view, if we don't look beyond our borders, we are going to continue to wallow in economic depression from now, and forever. The jet airplane is an important tool for corporate America. It is an important tool to ConAgra. It is an important tool to Kiewit. It is an important tool to companies in Kansas, and in Minnesota. It is simply an important tool. We are not saying to ConAgra, we are going to give you a tax break if you buy this corporate jet. What we are saying is, you hire a hundred employees, you hire a hundred employees, and you invest \$10 million, and we will let you have a tax credit on that mechanism which you feel is so important. That is the issue. Let's not hide ourselves under the covers here. Scott, Senator Moore talked about a \$400,000 tax in Tennessee. Well, if you will look at the handout that Senator Johnson has just handed around, you will see that the actual tax in Tennessee is \$74,417. It is a 30 percent tax, not 100 percent of value but a 30 percent of value. Also when you look at the tax pictures, I